

Also unsettling and adding to skepticism is the fact that there is no commitment from Speaker RYAN to bring up a Senate bill to fund the government and help Dreamers. There is also no commitment from the president that he would sign a Senate bill—and even if there was, there is no guarantee he won't again change his mind at a moment's notice.

As a member of the Appropriations Committee, and as one of the original authors of the Dream Act, I believe we must act now. We can't keep kicking the can down the road on difficult decisions about government spending, and we can't leave Dreamers living in fear and uncertainty. I oppose this CR because we need to vote on permanent solutions on the urgent issues facing our nation including community health clinics, opioid addiction, Dream, and worker pensions, among others.

MOTION TO CONCUR IN THE SENATE AMENDMENT TO THE HOUSE AMENDMENT TO THE SENATE AMENDMENT H.R. 195

**HON. JOHN B. LARSON**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 22, 2018*

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I will vote today to re-open the government and provide certainty to 17,000 children in Connecticut and their families who depend on the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). The reality is that the Republicans control the levers of the federal government—the House, the Senate, and the Executive branch. While some of my Republican colleagues, like Senators SUSAN COLLINS and LINDSEY GRAHAM, have worked on a bipartisan solution, the Republican leadership has failed the most basic of their responsibilities—to lead and to keep the federal government open.

While CR's are harmful in general, I will vote for a short-term extension only through February 8th as a sign of good faith as I believe it is better to negotiate with the government open rather than closed. If the Republicans renege on their commitments, it will be clear to the American people they can neither govern nor keep their word with regards to funding community health centers, opioid funding, protecting young people who were brought to this country as children from being deported, and funding for our military and domestic programs.

This is the fourth CR that we have passed to keep the government open. Our military and federal agencies need a year-long budget in order to plan and to effectively execute the functions of government. My Republican colleagues have committed to coming to the table and working on solutions for the opioid epidemic, disaster relief funding, and a solution for the 700,000 DREAMers in the next three weeks. The United States government made a deal with these young people and despite the President's edict to deport them if solutions are not made in Congress, it is now on the Republicans to work with us, as they have promised to govern responsibly. I will hold the Republicans accountable for their promises and so will the American people.

IN CELEBRATION OF JOHN HARTIG'S DISTINGUISHED LEADERSHIP AT THE DETROIT RIVER INTERNATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 22, 2018*

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize John Hartig on the day of his retirement from the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge, the only International Wildlife Refuge in North America. His distinguished leadership has helped shape a new future for the Detroit River and surrounding wildlife.

A longtime Michigan resident, Mr. Hartig fondly recalls childhood vacations up north and weekends spent fishing on Belle Isle. His exposure to Michigan's wildlife and understanding of intense lake and river pollution inspired him to receive his Doctorate in Limnology, the study of inland waters, from the University of Windsor and begin what would become a lifetime of work restoring and transforming the Great Lakes states through clean-up and public education. Mr. Hartig has held various positions over the years including serving as an environmental scientist at the International Joint Commission, as an adjunct professor at Wayne State University, and as River Navigator for the Greater Detroit American Heritage River Initiative before being named Refuge Manager at the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge, a position he has held since 2004. In these positions, Mr. Hartig has overseen the transformation of the Detroit River, which was one of the most polluted waterways in the country in the 1960s, the revival of various animal populations including the bald eagle and lake sturgeon, as well as increasing public access to Michigan's beautiful natural lands.

Mr. Hartig is a leading voice nationwide due to his conservation work, and Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge was singled out at the 2006 White House Conference on Cooperative Conservation as a national model in public-private partnerships for conservation and sustainability. In addition to being a long time board member of the Detroit RiverFront Conservancy, Mr. Hartig is a prolific writer on the Great Lakes and has received many awards including the John Muir Association's 2015 Conservationist of the Year and the 2013 Conservation Advocate Award from the Michigan League of Conservation Voters. He was recently selected as a Fulbright scholar and will spend the next three years in that capacity traveling the Great Lakes region and continuing his lifetime's work of addressing pollution and reviving public lands. Mr. Hartig has been an invaluable leader, and we look forward to his continued work protecting our precious natural resources. He will be greatly missed at the Wildlife Refuge, but his legacy will provide a solid foundation for its future.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring John Hartig for his lifetime of conservation work and invaluable contributions to our state. He has forever changed the Great Lakes ecosystem through his passion, hard work and ingenuity.

IN HONOR OF LINDA WEPPNER FOR RECEIVING THE GREATER CHEYENNE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE'S WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP AWARD

**HON. LIZ CHENEY**

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 22, 2018*

Ms. CHENEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my congratulations to Linda Weppner for receiving the Women's Leadership Award from the Greater Cheyenne Chamber of Commerce.

Every year, the Cheyenne Women's Entrepreneur Roundtable recognizes a woman who exhibits outstanding leadership in their professions and service to others with the Women's Leadership Award. It recognizes those who go above and beyond for their businesses and for their community. Linda has made an excellent example for her family, friends, and residents across the state through her hard work, tenacity, and passion for her work and community.

As the broker/owner of Century 21 Bell Real Estate, Linda enjoys helping people turn their dreams of owning a home into a reality. Her leadership and service to others is apparent through her involvement in real estate education, instructing aspiring realtors, and participating on multiple boards and organizations. She served as the president of the Cheyenne Board of Realtors and the Cheyenne Multiple Listing Service, and is currently a member of the board for the Wyoming Association of Realtors, the Greater Cheyenne Chamber of Commerce, and the Women's Civic League of Cheyenne, to name a few. Linda is committed to supporting her community in all aspects of her life and I thank her for her dedication and significant contributions.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my congratulations to the 2017 recipient of the Greater Cheyenne Chamber of Commerce's Women's Leadership Award, Linda Weppner. She and her family deserve to be extremely proud of this accomplishment.

IRAN AND NORTH KOREA'S REGIMES

**HON. TED POE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 22, 2018*

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, Iran and North Korea continue to threaten the world with their nuclear ambitions. But they do not just terrorize the international community. Iran and North Korea systematically repress and persecute their own people. We all saw what the Ayatollah did to the peaceful protesters of the Green Movement in 2009. And that was nothing new. Iran has been torturing and killing its own people since 1979. Hundreds of thousands of North Koreans are held in political prisoner camps. They are beaten and tortured. Live abortions and killings of newborns are standard procedures there. We must expose these murderous regimes for what they are. More than sanctions, these regimes should fear the millions they enslave and repress. Our strategy must be expanded beyond sanctions.